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RE: American Oversight v. Office of Management and Budget, et. al., No. 18-2424 (DDC)

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests dated August 30, 2018 from American Oversight that are the subject of the above-referenced matter. Specifically, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) assigned these requests the tracking numbers 2018-527 and 2018-528.

For request 2018-527, using the search parameters described in our letter of May 15, 2019, OMB located 79 additional potentially responsive documents. After reviewing these documents, OMB determined that none of these documents are responsive to this request.

For request 2018-528, using the search parameters described in our May 15 letter, OMB located 125 additional potentially responsive documents. After reviewing these documents, OMB determined that four documents are responsive to this request, of which one document is being released with information redacted, and three documents are being withheld in full.

Documents were withheld in full under FOIA Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) (deliberative-process and Presidential communications privileges). Information was redacted from the document being produced pursuant to FOIA Exemption 5 (deliberative- process privilege), and Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). Exemption 5 protects, *inter alia*, interagency or intra-agency pre-decisional deliberative communications, the disclosure of which would inhibit the frank and candid exchange of views that is necessary for effective government decision making, as well as Presidential communications. Exemption 6 protects against disclosure of information that would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

With this production, OMB has completed its review of supplemental records that are potentially responsive to requests 2018-527 and 2018-528.

Sincerely,


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FOIA Officer

GSA IG report

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Ex 5 DP- (5 U.S.C. Sec 552(b)(5)) Deliberative Thanks

GSA IG Confirms Trump Role In FBI Headquarters Project.

[CQ Roll Call \(DC\)](#) (8/27, Lesniewski, 117K) says a new report from the GSA's IG finds that the President "was more intimately involved in the debate over relocating the FBI headquarters than Congress was told." Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA), who requested the report, said it confirmed his suspicion that the President was involved in the decision to abandon plans to move the agency from the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building on Pennsylvania Avenue to a campus location in the Maryland or Virginia suburbs. The IG report "criticized as incomplete and potentially misleading congressional testimony to a House Appropriations subcommittee by GSA Administrator Emily Murphy regarding the change of direction." While the IG said Murphy's responses were true, she failed to mention conversations with Administration officials, including the President. Connolly said in a statement that while questions of Trump's involvement had been "dismissed as a conspiracy theory," his "involvement in this multi-billion-dollar government procurement which will directly impact his bottom line has been confirmed."

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